financial support for various non-conventional energy programmes to States, including Bihar. Four small hydro power projects aggregating to 2.45 MW capacity are under construction in Bihar State. Five portable micro-hydel sets of 10 KW unit capacity each are also under installation. In addition, detailed surveys and feasibility studies are in progress in regard to 56 small hydro power projects having a potential of 74 MW. Bihar State is also participating in the ongoing Hilly Hydro Project of the Ministry which is being partially supported by UNDP/GEF.

[English]

Diversification into Power Sector

1752. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Indian Oil Corporation is considering for diversification into power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has chalked out for setting up power plants;

(d) whether any location have been selected by the IOC for this purpose in Eastern Region;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Indian Oil Corporation is intending to develop some power projects based on refinery residue and bottom products as a part of its diversification plan. It is planned that the projects would be developed in joint venture with suitable partners who are having expertise and experience of development of bigger projects based on heavy residue and would be able to provide equity in foreign exchange also. Some Projects are under study, but not finalised.

Removal of Slum Clusters

1753. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "HC pulls up DDA, orders removal of two slum clusters", appearing in the "Times of India" dated December 2, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that the cases referred to in the News Item relates to CWP. No. 632/96 and CWP. No. 1365/96 filed by East of Kailash Residents Welfare Association and others Vs. Municipal Corporation of Delhi and others.

According to Delhi Development Authority, the issue regarding jurisdiction over the area in question has been sorted out. In CWP.No. 632/96 pursuant to the direction of the Hon'ble High Court a demolition programme was carried out by the Delhi Delhi Development Authority on 14.12.1996 and the encroachments were removed. The reclaimed land has been fenced and board indicating that the land belong to Delhi Development Authority has been erected on the site. As regards, CWP. No. 1365/96, Delhi Development Authority has reported that the Hon'ble High Court passed an order on 26.11.1996 to tag this case with another similar Writ Petition which was pending before the Hon'ble High Court. The matter is still subjudice.

[Translation]

Training Centres for Food Processing

1754. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of food processing training centres in the country particularly in Bihar; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to set up such centres in each State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a developmental plan scheme during the eighth plan period, which seeks to provide assistance for setting up of Food Processing & Training Centres in rural areas. The scheme is not state-specific. In the first 4 years of the eighth plan, assistance has been provided for setting up of 204 such Centres in the country including 19 in Bihar. In the country as a whole, 58 Food Processing & Training Centres including 10 in Bihar have already become functional. It may be stated that this Ministry does not set up such Centres directly and, instead, extend assistance to various organisations including voluntary organisations and non-governmental organisation for setting up of such Centres.

[English]

Oil Refinery

1755. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of Numaligarh Refinery has been started;

(b) if so, by which time it is likely to be completed;

(c) the equity participation of BPCL, IBP and Government of Assam;

(d) whether any environmental impact assessment study has been made to avoid disturbance to flora and fauna of Kaziranga National park; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The mechanical completion of the refinery is scheduled in December 1998.

(c) The equity participation in NRL is as under :

BPCL	32%
IBP	19%
Govt. of Assam	10%
Private Shares/ Private Placement	39%

(d) and (g) The environmental impact study for the Refinery was carried out by M/s National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI). A special study was also conducted by NEERI with regard to impact of the Refinery on Kaziranga National Park.

The studies conducted by NEERI observed that there will be no adverse impact on Kaziranga National Park due to setting up of the Refinery at Numaligarh.

Tenancy Rights

1756. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the government's latest thinking on the transfer of tenancy rights on a permanent basis to the owners of shops in the various rehabilitation markets in the Capital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : Ownership of most of the shops in Rehabilitation markets have been conferred on the eligible shopkeepers. For the remaining shops where ownership rights could not be given, it has since been decided to give ownership rights to the eligible shopkeppers on the following terms and conditions :-

(a) Cost of land calculated as on actual date of transfer, be paid by the applicant;

(b) Only land underneath the shop be taken for recovery of cost; and

(c) Cost of structure be calculated on the present day cost less depreciation as per CPWD formula.

Reduction of population pressure

1757. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken by the Government to reduce the population pressure on Delhi and to develop and National Capital Region; and

(b) the results achieved so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The NCR Planning Board was constituted under the NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 for

(i) preparation of plan for regional development and coordinating and monitoring its implementation and

(ii) evolving harmonised policy for control of land uses and development of infrastructure in the NCR so as to avoid haphazard development thereof.

Keeping in view the problems caused in Delhi by the unprecedented growth of population and overburdening of the civic services, NCR Planning Board formulated Regional Plan-2001 in 1989 which aims at.

(i) reducing the pressure of population on Delhi.

(ii) attaining of balanced and harmonised development of NCR through an inter-State region consisting of Delhi, six districts of Haryana, 3 districts of U.P. and part of Alwar district of Rajasthan.

In order to implement this Plan, three policy zones have been identified as under :

(i) National Capital Territory of Delhi for restricted growth,

(ii) Delhi Metropolitan Area for moderate growth,

(iii) Rest of the NCR for the induced growth.

Besides the Regional Plan, sub-regional plans for U.P. and Rajasthan sub-regions of NCR have been prepared and the work on finalisation of sub-regional plans for Delhi and Haryana is in progress.

With a view to implementing the policies of Regional Plan, the NCR Planning Board has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 274 crores against 74 schemes upto January, 1997.